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SUBJ: CIVAIR - FUEL SHORTAGE

REF: A. PRETORIA 4256; B. STATE 232739

1. ACCORDING TO PAA'S VON AHLEFELD, SAA RECEIVED SPECIAL ALLOCATION UNDER DECEMBER FUEL SALE RESTRICTIONS WHICH HAS PERMITTED IT TO MAINTAIN WEEKLY JOBURG-SAL ISLAND-NY FREQUENCY. RIO-NY LEG OF JOBURG-RIO-NY FREQUENCY HAS BEEN DROPPED OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF FUEL SHORTAGE BUT, ACCORDING TO VON AHLEFELD, ALSO BECAUSE OPERATION LOSING MONEY. CRUNCH WILL COME IN JANUARY WHEN UNDER PROPOSED REDUCTIONS BASED ON NOVEMBER 1972 ACTUAL CONSUMPTION (SEE REFTEL B), SAA WILL WIND UP WITH ONLY ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF FUEL NECESSARY FOR ONE FREQUENCY (I.E., SAA ONLY OPERATED ONE FREQUENCY IN NOVEMBER 1972).

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTEL A, PAA NOT RPT NOT DEPENDENT
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ON SA FUEL AVAILABILITIES AT PRESENT; HOWEVER, THIS MIGHT

CHANGE AS FUEL CRISIS DEVELOPS. IN ANY EVENT, POSSIBILITY
THAT OUR RATIONING SYSTEM COULD EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE SAA
OPERATIONS TO US COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON BILATERAL
RELATIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BEING KEPT ADVISED ON
DEVELOPMENTS AND WHETHER CONSIDERATIONS BEING GIVEN TO
ANOTHER SPECIAL ALLOCATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT SAA TO CONTINUE
OPERATION TO THE US.
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